

## **Office of Worker Health and Safety (HS-10)**

### **Current and Planned Former Worker Program and EEOICPA-related Activities/Initiatives:**

- Action - Standardize Former Worker Program (FWP) outreach training and vehicles for communication

Response – Plan to hold a series of program conference calls to discuss strategies for outreach: share lessons learned, identify joint outreach efforts in order to reach a larger audience, discuss how to better align communication strategies based on demographics of each population of workers, etc.

Will continue to meet with and educate DOE sites and worker populations as to the differences between FWP and EEOICPA, as well as how the programs can interface for the benefit of the workers.

- Action – Expand outreach to former workers through a coordinating committee. Address worker roster access; improved record retention.

Response – Presently working with each of the FWP projects to identify current outreach efforts at each DOE site informing workers of the program as they retire/separate. Will work with those sites where outreach activities are not yet in place to provide program brochures, etc. Will explore opportunities for sharing FWP information: exit interviews, program information to accompany pension checks, site and/or retiree newsletters. Will pursue the option of consenting workers as they retire/separate from DOE to share their contact information with the appropriate FWP.

FWP projects currently educate local physicians and communities surrounding DOE sites. Physicians are invited to attend advisory committee meetings and continuing medical education (CME) events to learn more about the program and to be better prepared to evaluate specific exposures, hazards, and health outcomes in their patients who were workers at DOE sites. FWP project staff also attend local retiree activities and site and community functions in order to disseminating program information. Brochures and posters are also displayed in libraries, senior centers, and other local facilities frequented by former workers.

Recently requested assistance from NNSA and SC in support of FWP. Requested rosters from sites where new projects were initiated and updated rosters for ongoing projects in order to capture newly retired/separated workers. Currently preparing list of roster requests for EM, LM, and RW and looking to identify a point of contact for NE.

We are working with DOE CIO to revise contracting provisions/Acquisition Guide to ensure DOE has right to access and maintain ownership of records, including subcontractor records. This will better enable DOE to respond to future EEOICPA and FWP records requests. This also meets records provisions established under CFR 851.

- Action – Expand coordination/integration of FWP/EEOICPA activities within and among HSS/DOL/FWP PI

Response – DOL was invited and participated in the recent FWP biannual meeting. DOL committed to working with HSS and FWP's to improve communication to stakeholders and to work collectively for the benefit of the workers. We plan to meet several times in the upcoming year as a smaller group to discuss a path forward for linking the two programs – a Task Group consisting of several FWP project staff, HSS, DOL, and NIOSH.

Plan to work with DOL, NIOSH, and the FWP projects to coordinate future outreach (townhall meetings, mailings, etc.).

HSS FWP website will serve as a central repository for information concerning these coordinated efforts. A link to DOL's upcoming events was recently posted to the website. Links to each FWP project's website already exist on the HSS FWP website. HSS will recommend each FWP website also contain a link to DOL's upcoming events.

Additional EEOICPA-related activities/initiatives:

- Named a POC within HSS to coordinate records requests from the Advisory Board and SC&A, NIOSH and DOL to the DOE field sites.
- Hold weekly conference calls with members of NIOSH and it's contractors to ensure that these groups are receiving the information and support they need from DOE sites.
- Established contract with Office of Legacy Management (LM) to provide research in support of facility questions and issues.
- Work closely with the DOL and it's contractors on pre planning and coordination of the Site Exposure Matrix (SEM) projects and NIOSH/Advisory Board Evaluations.
- Attend NIOSH Advisory Board Meetings and DOL Town Hall Meetings.
- DOE subject matter experts participate and contribute to Advisory Board working groups and conference calls.
- DOE has been collaborating with both NIOSH and SC&A to streamline and improve the process for records research and data gathering projects– require a project plan for each records research project.
- Working with CIO's office to revise contracting provisions/Acquisition Guide to ensure DOE has right to access and maintain ownership of records.
- DOE EEOICPA Site POC's:

- Attend local public meetings
- Set up site visits and tours for DOL Resource Center staff and other groups
- Work with both DOL and NIOSH to facilitate interviews with current and former workers
- On site source of EEOICPA information to workers
- Expand outreach/coordination of FWP and EEOICPA